

Fort Randall

Fort Randall was established by General W.S. Harney in 1856 about seventy five miles above Yankton on the Missouri River. It included numerous buildings such as hospital, guard house, store houses, magazine, pump house and church. The chapel was constructed in 1875 by the soldiers from chalkstone. The structure contained the church, post library and an I.O.O.F Hall. It was abandoned as a military fort in 1884 and completely abandoned in 1892.

Collections

DeLand, Charles Edmund (H69-005)

Papers, 1890-1935. DeLand, a lawyer, historian and author, corresponded with Major Frederick T. Wilson, Adjutant General's Office, War Department, about the location of Fort Tecumseh, Fort Pierre, Fort Sully, Fort Meade, Fort Randall and Fort Thompson. 3339A

Fort Randall (MF 481)

Papers, November 14, 1892. A group of officers at Fort Randall met to determine the value and condition of the buildings on the post. This includes a description of each building. (3240 MF)

Fort Randall Quartermaster Records (H77-034)

Quartermaster Records, 1876-1882. Fort Randall Quartermaster Horace Baxter Quimby's papers detail information about the provisions, men and buildings during his service at the fort. Box 3570B

General Photograph (H90-027)

Photographs of Fort Randall Chapel, 1922. Three black and white paper prints of various views of the chapel ruins. Box 5516B

General Photograph (P95)

Includes the following images: Co. A 15th Infantry; barracks, 1882; officers quarters, 1882; battalion parade of the 25th Infantry, 1880; dug way; birds eye view, 1860's; officers and families of the 25th Infantry; Co. B of the 25th Infantry with Capt. Bentzoni, 1882; map of the fort, 1879; six images looking at the site of Fort Randall from Whetstone Creek, 1962; Sitting Bull's Camp at Fort Randall; old headquarters with Mr. McLaughlin and Ed. A Fry; 1904; and numerous images of the church, 1947-1973.

Hogan, Martin E. and Kate (H57-003)

Letters, 1871-1874. Lt. Hogan and his wife describe the living conditions on the military posts of Fort Randall and Fort Sully. Box 3650B

Morrow, Stanley J. (P194-198)

Photograph collection. Photograph of Fort Randall, 1882. Soldiers issuing annuity goods. #152

National Park Service (89-172)

Historic Sites along the Missouri River photographs, 1940's. Box 5719

Native American Photographs (H89-068)

Images of Sump-kin and a camp scene near Fort Randall, 1882. Box 5516A

Returns from U.S. Military Posts, (MF 48)

Post returns for Fort Randall from June 1856 to November 1892. Includes names of enlisted men and commissioned officers, ranks, regiments, companies, remarks and a record of events for that month. (MF 1628)

United States. General Land Office. Abandoned Military Reservations. (MF 15)

Fort Randall Papers, 1856-1897. The papers include correspondence, reports, maps, drawings, a brief printed history and acts of Congress. MF 1592

United States. Interior Department. National Park Service.

Historic American Buildings Survey Drawings, 1949. Drawings of the old Fort Randall church show construction, floor, framing plans, elevations, and sketches of the entire building. MD66

United States. War Department. Office of Adjutant General. (MF 604)

Regimental Returns of the 7th U.S. Cavalry, 1874. Includes names, ranks, dates, if they were absent, where and why they were absent. MF 1637

United States. War Department. Office of Adjutant General. (MF 604)

Muster Rolls of the 4th U.S. Artillery, August 1860-February 1862. This includes a listing of the names of the 4th regiment of artillery in companies E, G, H, I, M; rank, enlistment, and pay. MF 1637

Waldron, William (H75-088)

Letter, 1862. Waldron was with the 14th Regiment of the Iowa Volunteers that was assigned to duty at Fort Randall. His letter describes the 500 mile march from Iowa to Fort Randall and the arrest of Captain Pattee by Major Lyman. Box 3541B

Publications

Claims of settlers on Fort Randall reservation. Letter from the secretary of war, relative to the claims of certain settlers on the Fort Randall military reservation in Dakota. [S.I. : s.n.; 1872].

Fort Randall. South Dakota Historical Collections. South Dakota State Historical Society: Pierre, S.D.

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Maps

Fort Randall Map, 1873. MF 481 (3240 MF)

Route of Battalion 2nd Infantry, Fort Randall & Fort Abercrombie, by Capt. W.M. Gardner, 1860. MF 495 (1846 MF)

Fort Randall to Mitchell, Dakota Territory. Letter with description of the trip by Lt. Davis, 1884. MF 495 (1846 MF)

Route of Fort Randall to Fort Abercrombie, by Captain W.M. Gardner, 1864. MF 495 (1846 MF)

Fort Laramie to Fort Randall. MF 495 (1846 MF)

Vertical Files

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